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## WHAT LEGAL ABILITY HAS J. C. BIRD?

Both Mr. Lay and Mr. Bird refused to accept Mr. Catron's proposition made at Williamaburg in the court house several weeks ago to let a competitive examination be held and let the man obtaining the best grade run the race for Circuit Judge.

Both Lay and Bird refused this examination because they themselves did not believe they were, in legal ability, equal to Mr. Rose.

This is the only conclusion that can be drawn.

But, after Mr. Bird had publicly declined on that occasion to accept that proposition R. S. Rose publicly and before 1,000 people or more proceeded to examine Mr. Bird as to his legal qualifications.

Mr. Rose asked Mr. Bird to define, in law, a "contract."

Mr. Bird could not do it.

He then asked him to tell of some author who had written a work on "Contracts."

Mr. Bird could not do it.

Mr. Rose then asked Mr. Bird to tell the people, publicly, on what subjects, in Kentucky, an applicant for admission to the bar must be examined.

Mr. Bird could not do it.

Mr. Rose then asked him to define "eligibility to office."

He could not answer.

He then asked him to define "tort."

Mr. Bird could not answer.

Rose then asked Mr. Bird to tell who, besides Rose himself, had written a work on Criminal Law and Mr. Bird was silent as the tomb.

In the face of the Constitution, Sec. 130, which provides that to be eligible to the office of Circuit Judge a man must be a practicing attorney for at least 8 years before his election, and there on that occasion Rose charged that Bird had not practiced law for any time except the four years that he pretended to be County Attorney of Whitley County and which charge Mr. Bird did not pretend to deny, but merely said he wanted to be Circuit Judge.

That a man who cannot define

a "contract," "eligibility,"

"tort," "pleadings" and could

not even give the name of the

subjects that an applicant for law

license had to be examined on, to

ask the people to elect him Circuit Judge is a joke monumental.

Will the people of this district dishonor the memory of Judges

Clark, Tinsley, Morrow and

others of such splendid ability

by electing such a man? Advt.

### J. C. Bird and His "Guardian Angel," J. B. Snyder,

Who is the Lord protector of J. C. Bird?

Echo answers "it is J. B. Snyder."

The people of this district have been good to Mr. J. B. Snyder in electing him Commonwealth's Attorney twice and he is now going out over the district and dictating who they shall elect Circuit Judge.

Will the people rule or will they allow this politician, Mr. Snyder, to dictate what they shall do?

Mr. Snyder knows that Mr. Bird is too weak to stand alone.

Mr. Snyder knows that if he sends this weakling out to battle for himself without the assistance of either Annanias, "Scold-head" Davis or that other apostle of truth, J. B. Snyder, himself, that somebody is liable to attack his muling and puking infant son, J. C. Bird, and knock him clear off the Christmas tree.

Consequently, Mr. Snyder is keeping Mr. Bird in the shadow of his, (Mr. Snyder's) protecting wing.

He may let him get a mile or two away from him at times; but he stays close in.

This is the same J. B. Snyder who in order to protect his friends and to punish his enemies indicted G. F. Rains a brother-in-law of Rose in the Whitley Circuit Court when the only witness he had that Rains, and not John Rogers, had sworn a lie was John Rogers.

Rogers was a friend of J. B. Snyder. Rains was his enemy and a brother-in-law of Rose.

The case came on for trial. Rose defended Rains and he was promptly acquitted.

And on the testimony of that trial and over the objection of J. B. Snyder as Commonwealth's Attorney, an indictment was made against Kelley Abdoni (a forger and tool in the hands of Rogers, and Rogers.

Rogers in the meanwhile had shown his saintly and angelic character by taking another man's wife and leaving the country with her.

On the trial of the Rains case Rogers' own daughter and son-in-law, swore that Rogers himself had committed the forgery for which Snyder indicted Rains.

Yet, this "guardian angel" of the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, J. B. Snyder, caused an indictment to be made against Rains and absolutely refused to draw an indictment against Rogers, when Clelly Wells and his wife, (Rogers' own daughter and son-in-law) were swearing that Rogers and not Rains, was guilty of forgery.

Finally the grand jury and the court made Mr. Snyder draw an indictment against Kelly Abdoni and Rogers.

But, on that indictment Mr. Snyder refused to issue a bench warrant and both Abdoni and Rogers, perjurers and conspirators are scott free by the good graces and fond indulgence of J. B. Snyder.

This is the same J. B. Snyder who as Commonwealth's Attorney refused to try Ance McFarland for shooting off the jaw of Mr. Jones a school teacher, when there was no sort of defense or extenuating circumstances at all.

Mr. Snyder, however, took \$170 of McFarland's money and put it down in his pocket and J. C. Bird the then County Attorney got \$87.50 in the same transaction.

**WILL THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE FACTS BE LORDED OR HECTORED OVER OR CONTROLLED BY J. B. SNYDER?**

Rose's Campaign Committee.

**Rose's Opponents Do Not Meet Him and Jointly Discuss the Campaign.**

The people in this Circuit Court District are entitled to the facts

pertaining to this campaign. If the candidates for Circuit Judge could jointly discuss the issues in speakings separate and apart from the other candidates for other offices, it would be much better. They would attract larger crowds, and the people would have a chance to see the candidates together and, therefore, a better opportunity to determine the qualifications of each candidate. A great many people have requested that a joint discussion be had. In conformity to that Mr. Rose has asked the other two candidates that such an arrangement be made, but it has up to this time not been made. The very fact that a candidate for office declines to jointly discuss the issue in that campaign is significant. It means that that candidate desires to say something about and concerning the issue or his opponents behind their backs that he would not say publicly and in their presence. This is not the best way for the people to get into possession of the facts. No man should say of his opponents, or charge anything in a public speech to mislead the people or that is not warranted in the facts. To do this is mud-slinging of the vilest and most reprehensible nature. Why should Mr. Rose's opponents charge him of mud-slinging when they will not meet him in joint debate, and yet get behind his back and at a time when he is not present and say all sorts of vile things against him, print all sorts of filth and falsehood against him. We are perfectly willing to submit it to the voters of this district as to who are the mud-slingers in this race and who is responsible for the methods employed in the campaign.

Rose's Campaign Committee.

**Civic League Notes.**

The President of the Civic League, Mrs. R. W. Cole, arranged a special meeting of the club on last Thursday at her home, that the members might meet Mrs. Weitzel of Frankfort and hear her in behalf of the Red Cross work. The Club women not being slackers themselves, were thrilled with patriotism, and are anxious to take up the Red Cross work and study and practice efficiency and conservation in the home.

The club held their regular business meeting and after the splendid lecture the hostess served delightful refreshments, then adjourned to meet with Mrs. Costello at their next regular meeting.

**Patton.**

Last Sunday night about eight o'clock, Mrs. Cornelia Patton, colored, wife of Thomas Patton, died after having lingered for many months with a complication of diseases. She was a Walker before her marriage to Tom Patton. She was an honest, hard-working woman while she was able to perform any duty at all. She was buried Tuesday in the Coshen Cemetery on Fighting Creek. She leaves her husband, one daughter and a sister behind to say good-bye.

**LOST.**

Between the residence of T. W. Minton and R. W. Cole, a gold pin about one and a quarter inch long, with two pearls and a stone. If the finder will return same to the owner they will receive a handsome reward. This pin is valuable to its owner, because of it being a present, but it would be of no value to the finder. Please return to Mrs. R. E. Minton, Barbourville Kentucky.—7-20-3t.

## IN THE OIL FIELD

Near King Post office. New York parties have located a test well and work will start at once.

The Southern Oil Co. of Ky., have made a location on the Lewis farm, north of the Anderson farm.

Stewart and Donald, are pumping their No. 1, on the Evans farm and the well is showing for a paying producer in the Jones sand.

Lappe and Vilsack, have located two important test wells on the Spurlock farm on Moore's creek, and work will be started by August 1st.

Col. J. B. Wren, and his associates are on the Anderson farm are in the stray sand with their No. 3, a report of this well will probably begin this week.

The Ohio Oil Co. of Kentucky have a hopeless fishing job on the Cy Jones farm, and will abandon the hole. They will make a gasser of about 7000 feet. Other wells will be drilled in this section to define the size of the gas field in that locality.

The Empire Gas and Fuel Co. are drilling a deep test well on the Will Carnes farm near DeWitt P. O. This well will be closely watched by the talent, as an old well in that locality showed considerable oil in the Big Injun Sand.

Near Himyar the Edmons well on the Perciful farm is at top of sand and indications are favorable for a big well in the Epperson sand. The Edmons No. 1 on the Perciful is showing for a good well; the hole is filled up 600 feet with fluid and will be put to pumping.

An important strike was made on the Barnes farm near Girdler by the Kentucky Oil & Gas Co. At 620 feet the pay was struck and the well filled up 300 feet with fluid. The well was only drilled 2 feet in the sand, which is believed to be the Epperson. The well was set to pumping Monday evening and is making about 75 barrels natural. A lease of 50 acres on the Williams farm adjoining the well sold for \$1,000, and a lively scramble for leases in the Payne's Creek section is now going on. Liberal figures are being offered for acreage in that locality. Five new locations have been made in the vicinity of the new strike.

### Red Cross Chapter.

A Red Cross Chapter will soon be organized in Barbourville. The State Director will be here to aid in the work of organizing. We feel every citizen of the town and county will take part in this campaign and work toward bringing the organization to its full strength.

The membership are not expensive and is within the means of every person. Let our slogan be: "Good will, united effort and 1,000 members in this great humanitarian work."

### Explosives.

We have in stock and ship from our magazines nearest your shipping point at schedule prices Blasting Powder all standard granulations. All grades of dynamite. Farm Powder for stump blasting and tree planting. Blasting caps, fuses, all lengths wires. All grades of safety fuse and other supplies. Solidified Glycerine for shooting oil wells. Write us for prices.

BYRLEY SALES CO., Peoples Bank Building, Pineville, Ky.



The election is drawing near and it is important that each and every voter of Knox county consider well the conditions and needs of the county, before casting his vote. The county has been running into debt for the past eight years, and now owes more than FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, besides the bond issue, and is without money to pay its debts. The roads are in bad condition the wooden bridges are rotten and dangerous, and the steel bridges are rusty and ruining, and the county has NO CREDIT. You can't pay taxes with county claims, and county claims can hardly be sold at any discount. There is not sufficient funds on hands to pay for keeping the paupers. If I am elected it will be impossible for me to do as much for the people as I want to do. The people should not be misled by big and loud promises. If I am elected every dollar of the road and bridge fund which can be used, will be used on the roads and bridges, and it shall be properly distributed into every precinct in the county. The poor shall be properly cared for. The taxes shall not be wasted, but the money will be carefully spent and distributed to all parts of the county alike. I expect to take an active interest in the betterment of the Public Schools and the uplift of the county. I will appreciate your influence and vote in this election.

Your friend,  
J. D. TUGGLE.

## McCreary County For W. R. Lay

BELOW IS PUBLISHED A FEW OUT OF MANY LETTERS RECEIVED BY MR. LAY AS TO THE RACE IN THAT COUNTY.

"Indian Head, Ky., July 12th, 1917.  
Mr. W. R. Lay, Barbourville, Ky.

Dear Sir:—  
I thought I would write you a letter. Will say that everything looks good here for you. You are gaining votes in this part every day. J. C. Bird has joined the Whitley City Ring, with the expectation of them voting the people in this county. Most of the good citizens in this county have been oppressed by that ring, and they do not approve of this ring or any one that attaches themselves to it.

With best wishes for your success, I am,  
Yours truly,  
L. S. KEITH.

Creekmore, Ky., July 11th, 1917.  
Mr. W. R. Lay, Barbourville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Lay:—  
You know that I told you that I would find out how things are down here. You will carry this place strong, and I heard from Yamacraw and Worley to-day and they say you will carry a big majority there.

Wishing you all good success and a winning race.  
Yours truly,  
V. R. Lovett.

William's Siding, Ky. July 16th, 1917.  
Hon. W. R. Lay, Barbourville, Ky.

Dear Sir:—  
I have been watching the movement of this campaign and talking with men from every voting precinct in the county. And, I find upon investigation that Rose is not going to get many votes in this county. A number of the Whitley City ring will vote for J. C. Bird. Everything indicates that you will get three-fourths of the vote in this county.

It seems that the people like the way you have conducted this campaign; you have not mixed with any RINGS or Factions, but simply went through the county by yourself in a business like way telling the people what you wanted. It looks to me like a LAND-SLIDE in your favor.

With best wishes for your success,  
I remain, your friend,  
J. G. Taylor.

Barren Fork, Ky.,  
July 14th, 1917.  
Mr. W. R. Lay, Barbourville, Ky.

Dear Sir:—  
I have made a full investigation all around here and find nearly everybody for you. I don't have any doubt of your success in this county.

Wishing you success and assuring you that I will do all I can for you,  
I remain, Yours truly,  
Mart Powell.